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(Case No. 97,429)

In re Application of:

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For: RECOMBINANT P37 FLAA AS A
DIAGNOSTIC REAGENT



Examiner: N. Minnifield

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
 - a) Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
 - b) PTO Form 1449 and copies of 2 references;
 - c) Return postcard
2. With respect to fees:
 - a) Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$240.00
3. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION: Please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment our Deposit Account, No. 13-2490.
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Respectfully submitted,

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important in deciding whether to allow the present application to issue as a patent.

1. Fikrig, et al., "Differential Expression of *Borrelia burgdorferi* Genes during Erythema Migrans and Lyme Arthritis" *J. Infect. Diseases* (1998) Vol. 178, pp. 1198-1201
2. Stevenson, et al., "Transformation of the Lyme Disease Spirochete *Borrelia burgdorferi* with Heterologous DNA" *J. Bacter.* (1998) Vol. 180, pp. 4850-4855

In accordance with MPEP Sections 609 and 707.05(b), it is requested that each document cited (including any cited in applicant's specification which is not repeated on the attached Form PTO-1449) be given thorough consideration and that it be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing on Form PTO-1449. Such initialing is requested even if the Examiner does not consider a cited document to be sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not consider it to be prior art for any reason, or even if the Examiner does not believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with. This is requested so that each document becomes listed on the face of the patent issuing on the present application.

The present Disclosure Statement is being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR 1.56 insofar as an Examiner might consider any of the cited documents important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, but the citation of each document is not to be construed as an admission that such document is necessarily relevant or prior art. No representation is intended that the cited documents represent the results of a complete search, and

1.106(b) and, in the course of each search, will review for relevance every document cited on the attached form even if not initialed.

Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

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